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SUBJ: JACKSON AMENDMENT REGARDING TRANSFER OF SOPHISTICATED
WEAPONS

1. ON JUNE 26 DURING CONSIDERATION OF SENATE VERSION OF
SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT, SENATOR JACKSON INTRODUCED
FOLLOWING AMENDMENT: QUOTE:
NO SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, INCLUDING SOPHISTICATED JET AIR-
CRAFT OR SPARE PARTS AND ASSOCIATED GROUND EQUIPMENT FOR
SUCH AIRCRAFT, SHALL BE FURNISHED UNDER THIS OR ANY OTHER
ACT TO ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY ON AND AFTER THE DATE THAT
COUNTRY VIOLATES ANY AGREEMENT IT HAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER PROVISION
OF LAW REQUIRING SIMILAR SUCH AGREEMENTS. END QUOTE.

2. JACKSON EXPLAINED THAT PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT WAS TO
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STRENGTHEN THE NON- TRANSFER PROVISIONS OF BILL IN CASES OF ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY JET AIRCRAFT. IT WOULD REQUIRE TERMINATION OF ANY SHIPMENTS TO COUNTRY IN VIOLATION OF ITS OBLIGATORY NON- TRANSFER COMMITMENT.

3. DURING DISCUSSION, JACKSON SAID THAT AMENDMENT WAS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN CONTEXT OF POSSIBLE SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA OF SOPHISTICATED JET AIRCRAFT. JACKSON SAID THAT ADDITION OF SANCTION HE WAS PROPOSING WOULD ASSURE THAT PHANTOM AIRCRAFT FOR SAUDI ARABIA, SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS, COULD NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY SUCH AS EGYPT. CITING SECTION 104 OF BILL, WHICH REQUIRES THAT COUNTRIES RECEIVING WEAPONS FROM US MAY NOT WITHOUT CONSENT OF PRESIDENT QTE PERMIT THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS BY NON- NATIONALS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF THAT COUNTRY, JACKSON SAID HIS AMENDMENT WOULD ALSO BAR USE OF AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT BY SAUDIS FOR TRAINING OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS SUCH AS EGYPTIANS. AT FIRST EVIDENCE OF SUCH ACTIVITY, FLOW OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS AND SPARE PARTS WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED. JACKSON ALSO SAID THAT WHILE HE BELIEVED STABILITY OF VITAL PERSIAN GULF AREA CAN BE STRENGTHENED BY ASSISTING SAUDIS MAINTAIN ADEQUATE DEFENSE, HE HAD GRAVE DOUBTS RE WISDOM OF SELLING PHANTOMS TO SAUDIS. JACKSON' S AMENDMENT WAS SUPPORTED BY SENATOR FULBRIGHT WHO THOUGHT PRINCIPLE WAS SOUND AND AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

4. SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT IS STILL BEING CONSIDERED BY HOUSE, AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SIMILAR AMENDMENT WILL BE INTRODUCED IN HOUSE. DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED.

5. PRESS HAS NOTED JACKSON AMENDMENT, POINTING OUT THAT IF SAUDI ARABIA WERE TO TRANSFER F-4 PHANTOM JETS TO EGYPT OR OTHER ARAB COUNTRY IF SALES GO THROUGH, U. S. WOULD BE REQUIRED CUT OFF FURTHER SHIPMENTS OF SPARE PARTS AND OTHER RELATED EQUIPMENT. ROGERS

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